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## **TWO MORE CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT'S MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

HARTFORD, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard announces that approximately 70 soldiers from the 143<sup>rd</sup> Forward Support Battalion (FSB) of Waterbury and approximately 40 soldiers from the Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 192<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion of Stratford, have been ordered to mobilize in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both units are scheduled to be mobilized and deployed for up to 18 months.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> FSB deployed to Bosnia and provided peacekeeping operations as part of the Stabilization Force (SFOR) 10 rotation in support of "Operation Joint Forge." The primary mission of the 143<sup>rd</sup> FSB is to provide support to combat-ready forces such as personnel administration support, operational and logistical support.

The 143<sup>rd</sup> FSB is commanded by Lt. Col. William Adams of Cheshire, Conn.

The 192<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion is headquartered in Stratford and is comprised of more than 300 soldiers with a bridge unit in Putnam, a combat engineer unit in Norwich, a well-drilling detachment in New London and two fire-fighting detachments in East Lyme.

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The 192<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion is one of the oldest units in the Connecticut National Guard that was organized and federally recognized in May 1775.

The 192<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. James Gibbons of Asbury, New Jersey.

Currently, 40 Soldiers from G Company, 126<sup>th</sup> Aviation of Windsor Locks are deployed to Iraq, 120 Soldiers from the 643<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company of Westbrook are deployed to Germany in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and 500 Soldiers from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion are at Ft. Bragg, N.C., for training and validation and are scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Approximately 150 soldiers from the 1048<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company of Stratford and approximately 100 soldiers from the 134<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company of Norwich are currently mobilized which brings the total number of Connecticut National Guard soldiers mobilized and deployed in support to the Global War on Terror to more than 1,000.

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